

# Newsletter

## November 13th, 2015

### YOU ARE INVITED...

Please join us on Wednesday, November 18th. Our class will be leading the Lower School Thanksgiving Chapel. The service will begin around 8:20. Please sit in the middle section, in the back of the chapel, behind the students. We look forward to sharing this very special service with our families.



### Patriot's Day

Our Patriot's Day was wonderful! The students started out the morning with the "Sons of Liberty Traveling Trunk Show." Mr. Manning entertained and filled us up with lots of interesting details about colonial life using colonial artifacts. Then the girls and boys were divided. The boys were given colonial military training, while the girls were given lessons on deportment. After snacking, the students enjoyed indulging in some colonial crafts and games. Needless to say, everyone had fun learning experience while dipping into the past.

Please visit the Scrapbook on our class website for

### Updates, Reminders, & FYIs

#### This Week

- ✓Monday through Thursday is E through A Days.
- ✓Wednesday - The Lower School Thanksgiving Chapel
- ✓Thursday - Noon Dismissal - Parent Conferences
- ✓Friday - No School - Parent Conferences

#### FYIs... 👁️👁️

If you did not get the conference schedule and confirmation form, please ask your child for the information that was sent home last week. It may be lurking in some dark place in his/her book bag!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 24th

The High Museum and  
The Varsity Field Trip

8:30 - 1:00

The "Papers to be Signed and Returned" form was sent home on Friday. Thank you for signing and returning the noted papers.

#### 4th Grade AGAPE Donations

Don't forget... our grade level is collecting cans of:

- \*cranberry sauce
- \*sweet potatoes
- \*Fruit Cocktail
- \*Mandarin oranges

Please donate by November 17th.



# Here's What We Are Studying

## Math

Unit 5 is called, Big Numbers, Estimation and Computation. The unit starts out with reviews of multiplication & division basic and extended facts. Students will then review estimation strategies and practice writing estimation number models. Unit 5 introduces exponential notation.

The students will continue drill work in adding and subtracting numbers with decimals. They need to always keep in mind that decimals are lined up when adding and subtracting. If there are missing digits... fill in the place value with zeroes.

Example:  $35.6$  (Add one 0 after the 6.)  
 $+ 4.25$

Example:  $402.7$  (Add two 0s after the 7.)  
 $- 26.008$

## Writer's Workshop

### Focus: "Say What?" Boot Camp

This week writers will be looking more closely at the importance of dialogue tags. They will learn about sentences with introductory clauses/phrases and how to punctuate this type of sentence.

**Word Study** - The Sort 6 Quiz will be given on Thursday. Time to study now!

**Weekly Writing** - As we complete the writing lessons on dialogue tags and sentences with "openers" and subordinating conjunctions, the students will then be expected to go back into their "Creepy" pieces and change/create this type of sentence work. In the meantime, writers should be rereading, revising, and editing their story to reflect what we are doing in class. This also means developing those areas that need more elaboration. The piece should still be a cliffhanger.

## Reader's Workshop

We used the article, "Perilous Voyage - From the Old World to the New World" to identify the main idea of paragraphs and supporting details. As we identified these elements while determining importance, the students were introduced to outlining.

We kicked off our new class book club, *Blood on the River*. No, it is not violent! The readers are excited about following the life of a boy who travels the ocean to the New World and his adventures during the settlement of Jamestown. Our reading goal is to read through Chapter 5 and the writing goal is to cite text clues that show this is a historical fiction.

## Social Studies

Our new unit is called, "Early Colonization." We are currently learning about The Lost Colony of Roanoke. The settlement of Jamestown will be our next focus. A study guide will be provided. The fourth grade team is now creating a revised curriculum for the remainder of the school year. Please be patient as we rewrite the study guides and assessments. The students will be well-prepared.